

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 41  
ON THE RAMS SETTLEMENT**

**Report from City Counselor and Others Regarding NFL Payment of \$790 million to City, County,  
Regional Convention and Sports Complex and the potential division of the funds**

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 St. City, St. Louis County, and The Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority signed a contract to build a Convention Center/ Stadium Complex in downtown St. Louis City which was to be owned by The Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority and paid for by the St. Louis City and St. Louis County. The Complex was to be built so that the St. Louis Region could attract a professional football team; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1994-95, The City of St. Louis met with then majority Rams owner Georgia Frontiere and signed an historic agreement to have the Los Angeles Rams move to the City of St. Louis. In 1995 the Rams moved from Anaheim to St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, for years the Rams Played football before adoring and loyal fans from The St. Louis Metropolitan area. The Rams' last game played in St. Louis was on December 17, 2015 after which they moved to California while St. Louis attempted several methods to keep the Rams in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2017 a lawsuit was filed by St. Louis, St. Louis County and the St. Louis Regional Convention & Sports Complex Authority (RCSCA) against The National Football League; and

**WHEREAS**, the 52-page 2017 lawsuit claims NFL team owners broke their own rules, established decades ago to avoid antitrust liability, and lied about the franchise's departure from St. Louis. The suit also alleges breach of contract, unjust enrichment, fraudulent misrepresentation and "tortious interference with business expectancy." The complaint cites alleged efforts to downplay Kroenke's purchase of land in Inglewood, the site of the team's current stadium, while stringing along the city, county and RCSCA about staying in St. Louis; and

**WHEREAS**, plaintiffs sought damages "in the billions" for expenses incurred in their good faith effort to keep the Rams in St. Louis and a share of the Rams' enhanced value resulting from relocation; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 24, 2021 St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and the Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority agreed to a \$790 million settlement with 35 percent of that amount, plus "identified costs" going to the St. Louis law firms Dowd Bennett LLP and Blitz Bardgett & Deutsch; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 24, 2021 St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and the Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority signed a \$790 million settlement agreement with Rams owner Stan Kroenke and the National Football League; and

**WHEREAS**, after attorneys' fees, the city, county, and stadium will share about \$514 million. All three groups must still decide how to divide that money; and

**WHEREAS**, since the signing of the deal, the Legislative Branch of City Government, which has to allocate City use and spending of said funds through a board bill, has not been appraised regarding the settlement agreement or any potential division of said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best financial interest of the City of St. Louis that the members of the Honorable Board of Aldermen be immediately appraised by the City Counselor and other involved in the historic \$790 million settlement agreement with Rams owner Stan Kroenke and the National Football League regarding the settlement and the potential division of the settlement so that the members can began to plan the best way to allocate said funds in an expeditious manner in a way that best serves the Citizens of St. Louis.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Aldermen pursuant to The Board's Rule 17, entitled Special Committees hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Aldermen to appoint a Special Committee to investigate and receive a report from the City Counselor and any and all others involved with the \$790 million settlement agreement between the Rams owner Stan Kroenke and the NFL and St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and the Regional Convention and Sports Complex Authority. The Special Committees shall expressly have the power to subpoena witnesses and order the production of books and papers.

**Introduced this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2022 by:**  
**The Honorable Sharon Tyus, Alderwoman 1st Ward**

**Adopted this XXXX day of XXXX 2022 as attested by:**

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**Terry Kennedy**  
**Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

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**Lewis E. Reed**  
**President, Board of Aldermen**